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Thank you President Bush for siting this email address to report problems.

I have a small bulb and seed business. The newly instituted regulations regarding all bulbs and seeds now needing phytosanitary certificates, even for one seed, will put many small business out of business. These regs were apparently implemented by APHIS and or the USDA.

Requiring small nurseries and specialty mail order growers to furnish phytosanitary certificates with each shipment will completely stop the seed selling of small businesses as well as put all the world-wide seed exchanges out of operation.

For centuries people have been running seed exchanges; American Horticultural Society, North American Rock Garden Society, Royal Horticultural Society, Int'l Bulb Society, Scottish Rock Garden Society and all major and minor hobbyist gardening, horticultural, and botanical societies the world over have had seed exchanges where members contribute seed, send them to a central collection point, and are distributed to other members.

The implementation of these regulations will completely stop the operations of these organizations as the members regard the seed exchanges as the major benefit of membership.

It is vital that the implementation of these regulations is halted.

The phytosanitary certificates are \$25 each. The seed exchanges are free. The cost, not to mention the bother, is simply too much.

I urge you to stop the implementation of these regulations. Thank you.

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